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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7256**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1121

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Boating Requirements.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. McMillin

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- (1) Provides that the registration number for a motorboat must be displayed, painted on, or attached so that the number is legible and clearly visible.
- (2) Provides that a motorboat that is required to be registered under federal law must comply with the federal display requirements.
- (3) Requires that a motorboat's muffler or other device must muffle or suppress the sound of the exhaust. (Current law requires the muffler to also prevent excessive and unusual noise at all speeds.)
- (4) Provides that a law enforcement officer may not stop, inspect, search, or detain a boat solely to determine compliance with certain boating laws.
- (5) Amends the time during which a person may not operate a boat at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour to the period between 15 minutes after sunset and 15 minutes before sunrise.
- (6) Repeals a provision concerning the use of a whistle or horn on a boat.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Under the bill, law enforcement officers who improperly stop, inspect, search, or detain boats (IC 14-15-2-15) could be subject to Class C infractions.

Additionally, the bill could reduce the number of Class C infractions from individuals who operate a boat that

makes excessive or unusual noise, who operate a motorboat immediately after sunset or immediately before sunrise, or who unnecessarily sound a whistle or horn.

The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which is deposited in the state General Fund.

*Additional Information:* Under 140 IAC 9-4-2.5, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles currently requires all boat operators to display registration numbers in accordance with 33 CFR 173.27. Including this requirement into statute is expected to have no fiscal impact.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* This bill could change revenue local governments receive from Class C infraction convictions. Changes in local revenue are indeterminable.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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